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1. The Kraluv Dvur Iron Works (Kralovodvorske zelezarny), Kraluv Dvur, near Beroun, are situated on the southwestern outskirts of the town of Kraluv Dvur and are surrounded by a wooden fence two meters high with 50-cm. barbed wire on top. There is a road 400 meters long leading from the west side of the works to the main Prague-Pilsen road. It passes through the plant and leads to the nearby cement works. A road running on the south side of the plant also joins the Prague-Pilsen road. There are two railroad tracks connecting the plant with the Kraluv Dvur station.
2. The plant employs a total of 2,000 persons, a high percentage of employees being women. There are many Hungarians working in the plant. There are also 160 forced laborers - all of them sent from Prague - who are distributed all over the plant; they work on all three shifts. There are no brigade workers and very few shock workers. Ordinary workmen work one shift in 24 hours; the forced laborers have to work their shifts and help out afterwards whenever needed - unloading coal, coke, scrap iron and potatoes, loading iron, etc.
3. The following items are produced at the Kraluv Dvur Iron Works. All finished products are sent to the USSR.
 - a. Pipe, in diameters from 5 to 120 cm. One party of eight men is supposed to finish 80 pieces of pipe in one shift; three parties always work together.
 - b. Pipe distributors.
 - c. Sheet metal up to two meters thick and from 1 to 2.5 m. in size.
 - d. Profile iron for construction work.
4. All machinery in the plant dates from World War II.
5. The Five-year Plan was not fulfilled in any department of the plant. There was a high percentage of rejects in pipe production. The defects were revealed when the pipe was tested under water pressure.

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6. Iron ore for use in the Kraluv Dvur Iron Works is brought from East Germany and the USSR in abundant quantities. Coal comes from Moravska Ostrava and from the Fierlinger mine at Kladno; also from East Germany and the USSR. Coke comes from East Germany and Czechoslovakia.
7. Several Soviet engineers are employed in the testing department at this plant.
8. The forced laborers are guarded by four StB men. The plant guard has from 80 to 100 men, all between 50 and 60 years of age. There is a permanent patrol, of one man around the fence, one two-man patrol in each building, two men at each gate and at the guardroom. Along the main road between Prague and Pilsen there is a wooden hut with one guard every 50 meters.
9. The morale of the workers is low. The regular workers like the prisoners and supply them with cigarettes, forward parcels for them from their families and send off letters for them.

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Annex A

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Sketch of Ironworks at Kraluv Dvur

Pilsen

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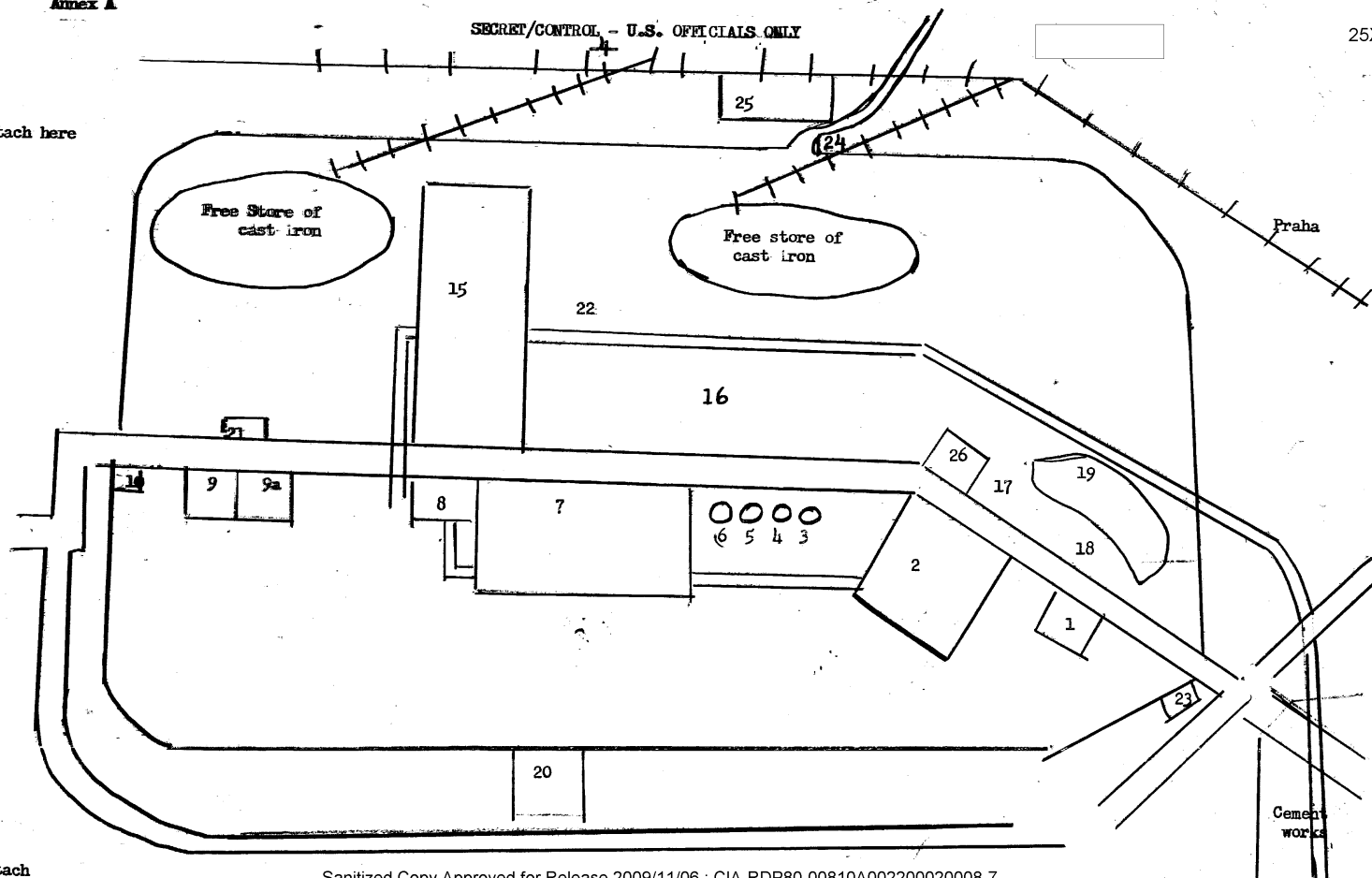
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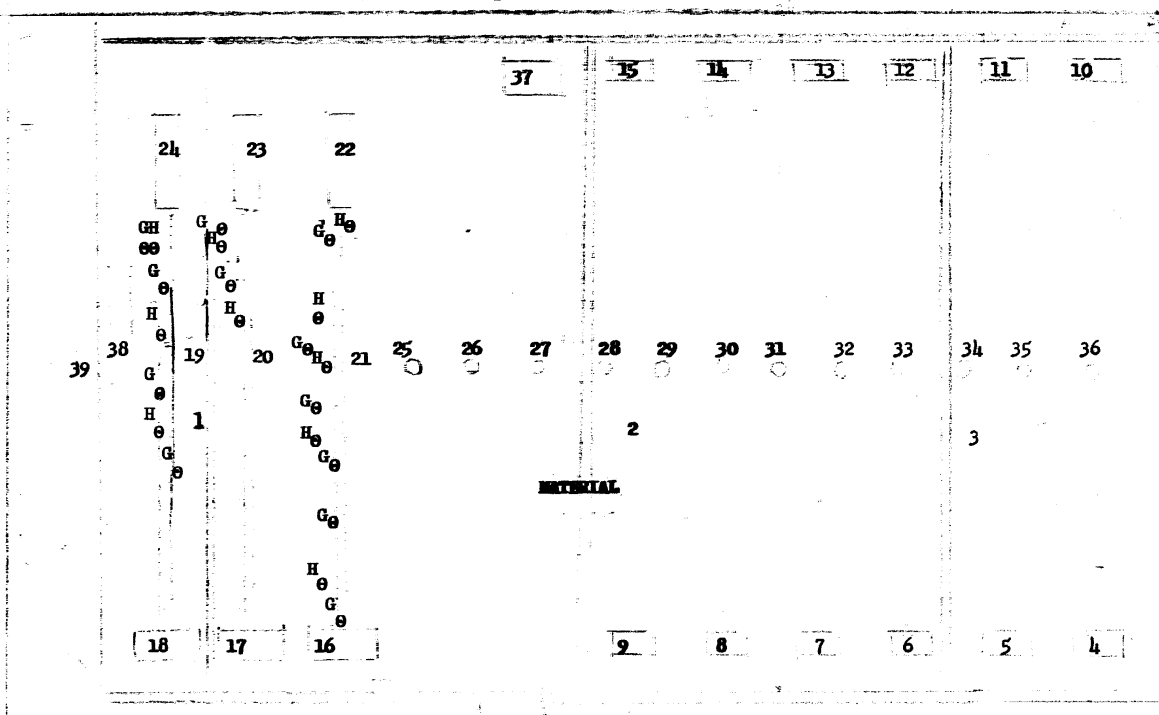


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Letter to Sketch of Testing Hall

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Legend to sketch of Kralov Dvur Iron Works (Annex A)

1. New blast furnace built during World War II (30 x 20 x 25 m.).
2. Foundry - 4 stories (100 x 100 m.).
- 3, 4, 5, 6. Chimneys.
7. Workshop for cleaning and finishing the casts - 3 stories (200 x 100 m.).
8. Lacquer shop for canal pipes 8, 20, 50, 120 cm.
9. Baths, cloakroom on 1st floor (50 x 30 m.).
- 9.a. Apprentice school on 1st floor.
10. Guardroom.
- 11, 13. Billets for forced laborers (40 x 15 m.).
14. M.I. room (sic) (100 x 50 m.).
15. Storage of finished products (25 x 100 x 15 m.).
16. Testing hall.
- 17, 18. Chimneys.
19. Open dump for cast iron (pig iron).
20. Main offices - formerly a villa - 1 story (60 x 50 m.).
21. Cookhouse and canteen (30 x 12 m.).
22. Main pipe of compressed air, leading into all the workshops.
- 23, 24. Guardroom.
25. Kralov Dvur station.
26. Old furnace.
- 27.- 31 Workmen's billets (60 x 15 m.).

Legend to sketch of Testing Hall (Annex B)

- 1, 3, 3 Overhead cranes.
 - 4 - 15 Lathes (new), each with its own motor.
 - 16-18 Apparatus for water pressure testing of the pipes.
 - 19-21 Rails from testing apparatus to the furnace. The pipes are moved on the rails and finished off with automatic hammer and grinders. 20 hammers and 12 grinders are distributed along the rails.
 - 22-24 Furnaces for heating the pipes red-hot for 24 hours.
 - 25-36 New drills, each with its own motor.
 37. Automatic shears and press.
 38. Electric dynamo with diesel engine. This is used if the supply of electric current fails.
 39. Offices.
1. Note: The letter G indicates a grinder, the letter H, a hammer.
2. Comment: On both sides of the drills is material waiting to be worked on.

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